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(C) On October 14, CDA delivered reftel points to Ambassador Patrice Cure, Head of Multilateral Directorate - Political, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade. Cure said that there was no stability in Afghanistan and that things were not improving. He further indicated that access to sophisticated weapons had caused the whole area to be successively radicalized religiously and what used to be individual tribes was now a block of people moved to irrational behavior. CDA stressed to Cure that the U.S. was trying to solicit opinions of other countries and not just force its opinions on the world. Cure then added that the U.S. should mend fences with Iran. BLASER